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Percentage of Americans who knew someone hurt or killed in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks

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## City recycling policy based on location

County-funded waste centers now available for fewer students

BY CLAIRE DYKES  
SENIOR REPORTER

Volumes of students' recyclables will be landfill-bound without a little extra effort.

Due to a recent change in Baldwin County's disposal service contracts, only people living in Baldwin County not covered by City of Milledgeville can drop their solid waste, including recycling, at county-funded centers.

A new \$13.50 per month, \$162 per year, charge is being imposed on Baldwin County residents outside the city who wish to purchase a recycling card. A card is required to use county-funded solid waste facilities. The majority of students living off campus reside within the city limits, causing them to change their recycling habits.

Roadside recycling pick up is offered for city residents who contact the City of Milledgeville asking for a bin. They will in turn notify Sinclair Disposal, the city's disposal service, to drop off a bin that they will pick up twice per month, according to GCSU's environmental science club.

Local landfills weren't

filling their quota so the city was running their budgets in the red. This forced the primary solid waste provider to switch hands.

Attaway Waste Services and Sinclair Disposal competed for the business of the city's waste disposal but Sinclair won the pitch. Attaway is still claimed as Baldwin County's provider.

Currently, campus supports recycling, but all efforts are backed strictly by volunteers.

Proposals to implement a \$4 student green fee that would fund a recycling program were passed by the GCSU SGA and the University Senate last year, but when brought to the University System of Georgia they were denied. With students hurting from the recession, the university system was "reluctant to issue any new fees," according to Vice President for Business and Finance Pete Shields.

Many residence halls stopped their recycling programs due to the fees imposed.

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## Harvesting a new crop



JOANNA SULLIVAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Milledgeville Farmer's Market has had a successful summer selling produce such as tomatoes, green peppers, squash and other locally grown products. See page 8 for the full story.

## Financial aid in high demand during tough economic times

BY KELLEY BOWERS  
STAFF WRITER

Affording a college education in today's economy entails much more than a simple "penny for your thoughts." With the cost of school books alone leaving students' pockets emptied, the GCSU administration has witnessed an increase in the number of students now taking advantage of financial aid services such as the HOPE Scholarship, Pell Grant, Federal Loan, the GI Bill and the Student Employment Federal Work-Study program.

The University's Federal Aid Depart-

ment recorded a 13 percent increase in the amount of students applying for federal aid this year, whereas the Pell Grant has increased its recipients by 41.9 percent and, according to dollars dispersed, a 67.3 percent increase when compared to the 2008-09 school year.

Director of Financial Aid Cathy Crawley stresses the matter of grant money existing specifically for the most financially-needy students.

"In past years if we see a dozen Federal Grant applicants, it's pretty typical; this

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## Tech lab receives facelift

Renovations create a new study space

BY AUBRIE SOFALA  
STAFF WRITER

Renovations have been made to the GCSU Technology Lab that should allow students to work in a more flexible manner. The changes come largely from the feedback that GCSU students have provided, highlighting what they want, but also what is needed. All of the renovations are funded by the student technology fee, with the total cost amounting to approximately \$35,000.

"That is a very cost effective change," said Joe Windish, lead technical specialist for instructional support, about the renovations. New computers have been added throughout the entire lab, a sound booth for the media lab, and a newly designed Collaborative Computing Lounge is in the final stages.

"This lab is specifically designed for collaboration, to be laptop friendly, and to have a different kind of open comfort than the old traditional lab configuration," Windish said.

The Lounge was based off of the Cox Computing Center at Emory, giving emphasis to student spaces and how to create the best working environment. One of the changes that makes the Tech Lab so flexible is the raised monitors, a marked improvement over the traditional embedded



CALEB HENRY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Management Information Systems major, Chad Thomas, sets up the new computer room addition to the GCSU Technology Lab recently..

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## GCSU braces for impact of state budget cuts

BY ELIZABETH  
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STAFF WRITER

The Strategic Resource Management Task Force, a group of campus constituents, met for the first time Aug. 21. The task force was formed in response to the budget cuts recently implemented by the state. In early August, Gov. Sonny Perdue announced budget cuts for state-funded agencies including GCSU and thirty-four other universities under the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. The task force, formed by GCSU President Dorothy Leland, will look at ways to handle the current financial situation and find more efficient ways to run campus operations. Co-chairs include Provost and Vice

President for Academic Affairs Sandra Jordan and Vice President and Chief of Staff Paul Jones. Students' opinions are also taken into consideration as SGA President Zach Mullins is included in the group.

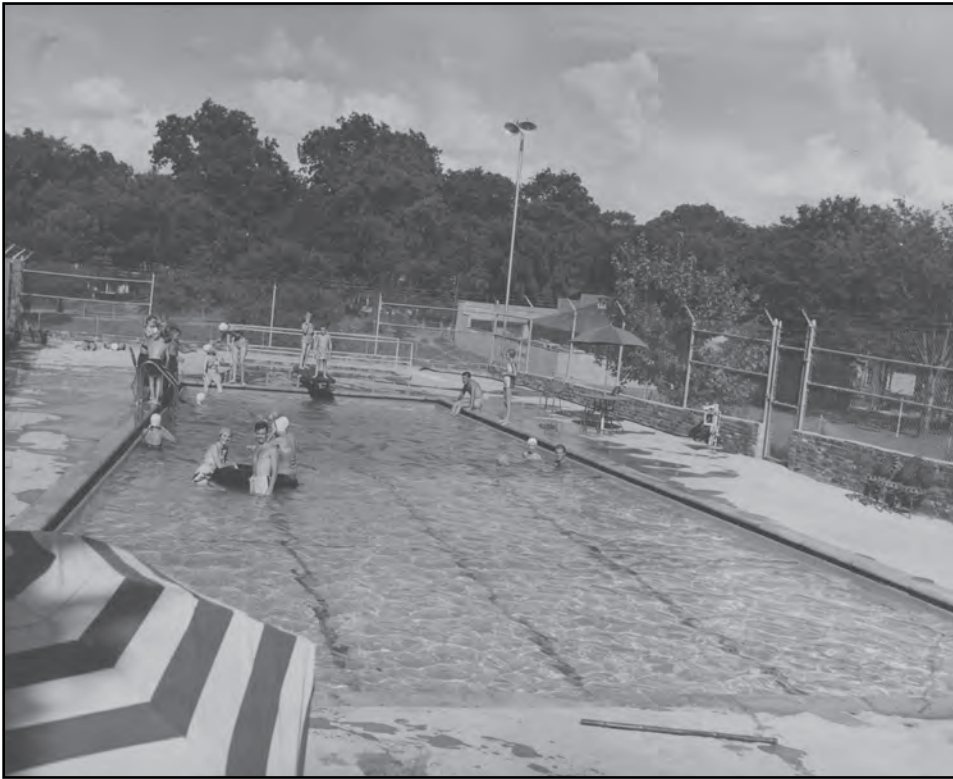
The task force has been divided into different subcommittees to focus on different areas such as the Physical Plant, which considers the operations of the entire campus. GCSU spends an estimated \$6,000 a day to continue basic operations such as heating, air conditioning and electricity.

All departments of GCSU are affected by the budget cuts. In the classroom, professors and students are cutting back on their use of paper, opting for either

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# Flashback:



GCSU LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Long before the Centennial Center existed, Gilbert Pool was the place to beat the heat. This photograph shows people cooling off on a hot day circa 1960s when the pool was situated across from Kilpatrick Hall off of Wilkinson Street where the Chiller Plant is currently located.

## This month in Colonnade history:

The Rev. Walter Clem spoke in front of 500 freshmen on the importance of a college education. He focused on active participation being the best way to learn to think and to learn to love. Clem's speech was part of an orientation week program planned by officers of the College Government Association.  
Sept. 24, 1938  
Vol. 13, Issue 1

Georgia College premieres its new radio station. The station is located on 88.9 FM and managed by Frank Howell. The station is holding training sessions for disc jockeys and produces a 30-minute program Monday nights from 8:30-9:05 on WMVG 1450AM.  
Sept. 27, 1974  
Vol. 58, Issue 2

Issues of The Colonnade from 1925 to 1975 are now available to be viewed on microfilm in the library.

# The ‘Freshman 15’

The truth behind its cause and how to avoid it

BY ALEX TAYLOR  
STAFF WRITER

A typical college meal can be two slices of pizza and a soda. Sounds average, but the amount of calories is not average. This meal is approximately 900 calories with more than 25 grams of fat. That can add up over four years of school.

The weight gained during freshman year is commonly known as the “Freshman 15”. But according to Kid’s Health, it is actually only about 3 to 10 pounds for the first two years.

Although some of the weight gain is attributed to metabolism and growth, the two main causes for freshmen weight gain are lack of exercise and poor

nutrition.

A New York Times article defines college as “unlimited access to all-you-can-eat buffet-style dining halls with prepaid meal cards, late-night partying or studying fueled by high-fat snacks, and gossip sessions with roommates served up with a side of ice cream.”

Most students choose high-in-fat or sugary snacks, but these types of snacks are not filling nor do they provide the proper nutrients.

“I gained some of the Freshmen 15 because I ate lots of dining hall food and never worked it off,” said Josh Dunn, a senior exercise science major.

Dunn said to fill up on fruits and vegetables before indulging in burgers

and fries. Many students don’t realize how important it is to make healthy food choices.

“When I was in school, I ate a buttery, oily grilled cheese and fries almost every day” said Meredith Taylor, a senior nursing student at Medical College of Georgia.

Sodexo, also referred to as Saga by upperclassmen, offers some healthy options. At each of the deli, specialty and grill lines, there are pre-portioned meals that have 300 to 350 calories.

“I see about 30 to 40 students take advantage of the pre-portioned meals. We have more diabetics inquire about the program because they need to be

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# Health insurance a tough pill to swallow

BY STEPHANIE SORENSEN,  
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SENIOR REPORTER

Health insurance is something that’s often not routinely thought about by students until something goes wrong. College students also often don’t know where they fall when it comes to health-insurance coverage. Many students are covered under their parent’s health insurance, taking the responsibility off the students.

“I’m covered under my parents’ plan,” Jessica Cumbee, a freshman biology major, said. “It’s difficult to find out about health care and once you find the information, it’s hard to understand.”

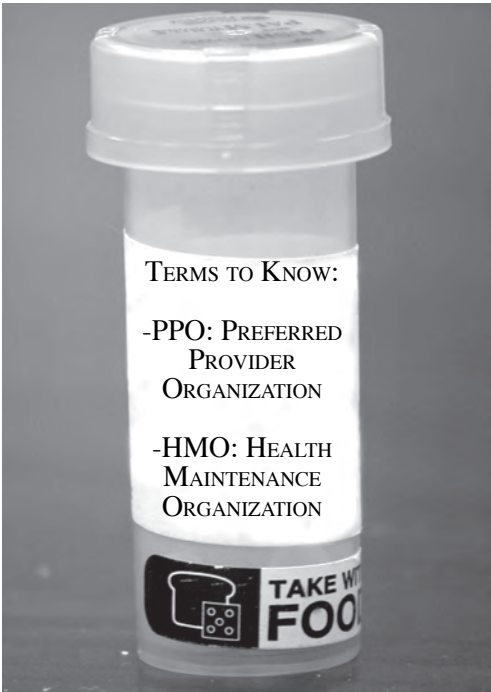
Students are generally covered under their parent’s health insurance until they are about 23 years old. To maintain this coverage, students must take a full-time load of classes — 12 hours.

Kay Anderson, GCSU’s registrar, suggests students weigh their options carefully before going below 12 hours.

“If you change your status below (12

hours), you’ll no longer be considered at full time at that point and we caution students to be very careful about making very particular on their policies.”

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# OrgSync helps manage RSOs

BY ZARA-GRAY ROWE  
STAFF WRITER

All student organizations now have an easier way to register with Campus Life through a new program called OrgSync.

OrgSync is an online program that provides supporting tools and applications to help arrange and manage communities, organizations and their members. This new program was put in place to help student organizations run more effectively. There are over 170 Registered Student Organizations at GCSU.

Tom Miles, director of Campus Life, believes that student organizations will begin to see the long-term benefits once it is utilized for a couple of years.

“OrgSync is a student organization management system unlike any other in the busy industry. They have developed the program with students at the forefront. Their customer service is outstanding,” Miles said. “Student organizations at GCSU who are using the system are raving about how the program helps them manage so many facets of their organization.”

The GCSU Orchestra is the newest addition to the OrgSync program, and it’s pleased to finally be recognized as a Registered Student Organi-

zation. Rosie Riquelme, senior music education major, has been a member of the GCSU Orchestra for four years.

“This new way of registering with OrgSync definitely has its rewards,” Riquelme said. “It even has a way to communicate to members of our orchestra, which I find quite refreshing since all we use is Facebook these days.”

Riquelme recognizes how important communication is between members. The current generation is so dependent on instant communication and this new program shows how diverse our means of Internet communication have become.

OrgSync allows many more features than Campus Life previously offered: texting members, electronic form creating, treasury capability with invoicing, credit card payment features, recording roll call of meetings and posting news items to all members.

Megan Hill, a sophomore psychology and music major, is the president of the GCSU Orchestra.

“Registering for the RSO you’re involved in is so important,” Hill said. “As president of my RSO, I stressed to our members how per-

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# Life on the homestead: A look at student housing



Left, sophomore Michelle Clason is shown in her off-campus house. Center, sophomores Mason Girard, left, and Russell Huffman are shown in Bell Hall. Right, sophomores Fletcher Behan, left, Chris Reeves and Patrick Dantzer are shown in The Grove. Each living situation has its own advantages and disadvantages including price, responsibilities and proximity to campus.

BY STEPHANIE SORENSEN  
STAFF REPORTER

The living experience of college is a unique one. Late night chats with your roommates, mounting piles of clutter cramp-

ing the already limited space, and the family relationships cultivated among the people that live together contribute to this experience. GCSU offers many different options for housing, each with a

different style of living to match the personalities of students. The residence halls, The Village, The Grove, Grove Park, The Bellamy and Magnolia are some of the most popular places to live. The residence halls and The Village

are considered on-campus housing. The classic argument between living on- or off-campus often deals with social aspects and finances. "After taking out the meal plan, living off-campus was a lot

cheaper than the residence halls or The Village," said Meredith Meaders, a sophomore living in The Bellamy. "I like living

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## Tech lab

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monitors, which are no longer being used by the Tech Lab. The new raised monitors give students an opportunity to work as a group without blocking other machines, and are much more ergonomic.

"The computers that were there were four to five years old. In technology, that's 10 to 12 years," Wade Johnston, technical support associate, said about the condition of the previous computers.

The other labs are also equipped with new computers 10 times faster than their predecessors, and include built-in cameras for personal use. One of the main features that is emphasized by the Tech Lab is the availability of media lab accounts. The major change associated with the media accounts is the fact that they are all now server based. This allows students who sign up for a media account to save their work and continually return to it throughout the course of the semester

A sound booth, in the workings, is the latest addition to the media lab, and will allow students to record state of the art voice-overs. The media lab is also home to 60 new high definition flip camer-

as, which surpasses by far the previous video camera equipment.

The lounge alcove is introducing a new row of Macs, compared to the public atrium computers. The alcove is equipped with power strips that replace the in-floor outlets that were previously used.

"I like the fact that they have Mac software," Ann Cole, a senior mass communication major, said about the computers.

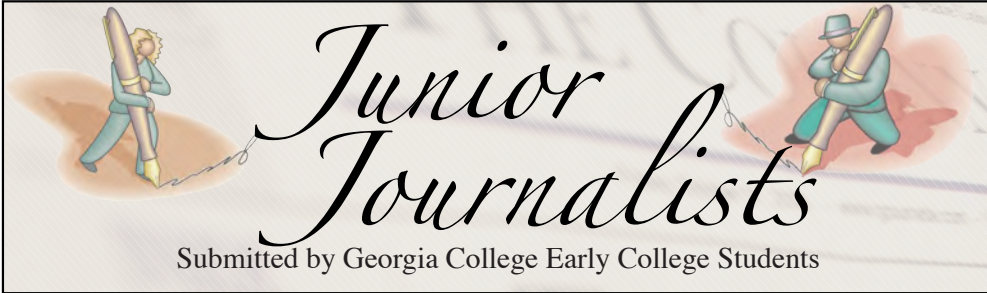
It seems that making students happy is a high priority of the TechLab, with student feedback a constant driving force behind most of the renovations. Student suggestions are vital to the Tech Lab's success and to

students needs being met. One of the ways that students can currently give feedback about the lab is by using an application on Mac computers. This information goes directly to Johnston and Windish, allowing them to see what works for students and what sometimes falls short. Though they receive a variety of responses, Windish and Johnston, along with the help from the Student Technology Committee, said they genuinely take the need of the student into mind when developing new features for the lab.

"We read, I read, every suggestion," Windish said. "I think we want to follow where the students lead."



CALEB HENRY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The renovations were funded by the student technology fee. The total cost was approximately \$35,000.



SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE  
From left, Justin Brown, Haley Webb and Krishindra Johnson are 7th graders in the Early College program.

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Every new place and every new face creates a first impression.

When Early College began it was a great time for first impressions. Early College 7th graders were exposed to a new, intimidating environment of college students and professors. As an Early College student, first impressions are about everything that is new.

Whether you are an Early College 7th grader or a GCSU freshman, you will have these first impressions and jitters. The stakes are higher and the learning experience is more intense. The Early College and GCSU freshman have more in common then may first appear.

Although some 7th graders might feel intimidated by the college setting, Early College freshman Tinesha McDowell is not one of them. When asked if she felt overwhelmed by the GCSU campus she confidently responded, "No, because I'm brave and I like challenges."

For Early College freshmen it is all about accepting chal-

lenges in order to make the transition to the college setting easier. McDowell recognizes the Early College teachers in making her transition easier. "Mr. Barsby, Ms. Parade, and Mr. Smith help us understand the work more and make it fun to learn."

Overall McDowell's first impression of Early College is a good one. "My perspective of what Early College is that it's the same as regular school except I have more teachers that teach one on one" she said.

While Early College freshmen experience the GCSU campus environment first-hand, the GCSU freshmen do not experience the Early College environment. GCSU freshman Ericka Moss had a unique first impression of Early College.

"I didn't believe it when I first heard about the program; I was shocked," Moss said. "I really wish they had something like that when I was in 7th grade. Maybe I would have already been done with school!"

The idea of Early College has been promising to those who have heard about it.

"The benefit I think college will have is I'll get a pretty decent pay and I'll get to meet

different people," replied Ericka. "Most of all, my perspective and the way I look at the world will be different."

Early College also has new teachers with their own first impression of Early College. 7th grade art teacher Alison Bishop is also a graduate student getting her Masters in Teaching. Even though Bishop is new she already feels like she is making a difference.

"This is my first teaching experience so I found it challenging, but I also find joy in it from the times my students get the idea that I am trying to convey."

Bishop's teaching experience has enabled her to endure the challenges that Early College brings.

"Every student is unique and you have to bend your teaching to fit that students needs," Bishop said.

Whether you are a freshman or a 7th grader or a new student teacher, you face challenges that you have to overcome.

Even though the challenges of Early College freshman and GCSU freshman may be different, they both have a lot more in common than their impressions might say.

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Health insurance

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Some students find themselves in a situation where an illness prevents them from being a full-time student. For these special circumstances, Congress passed Michelle’s Law.

“This law includes a provision that if a student has to withdrawal from school at a postsecondary institution because of an illness and that illness is certified by a physician, then that insurance company isn’t allowed to drop their coverage as a dependant,” Anderson said.

After you graduate, or leave your parents’ coverage, learning about health insurance can prove to be a challenge for students. After sorting through insurance companies’ automated phone trees and records for hours, and fighting through the acronyms and insurance jargon, some plans don’t even cover all medical ailments.

Two important acronyms to know in the insurance world are PPO and HMO. A PPO is a preferred provider organization. An HMO is a health maintenance organization. HMO’s need a referral to see a specialist from a primary care physician with which the HMO has a contract. PPO’s allow for more freedom and the patient can choose

which doctor they wish to go to, but they are also generally more expensive.

Whether students have an HMO or a PPO, and their health insurance plan, determines where they can go and what the insurance company will pay for in an emergency.

Typically, right out of college many students are finding themselves vulnerable to the high costs of medical treatment.

“Students without health care know the most about it,” Mary McTague, a history major, said.

There are plans that will cover newly graduated and graduate students that typically have a high cost. A Catastrophic plan, the plan that many students get, will usually only cover hospitalization costs up to \$10,000. According to RTI Health Solutions, a medical research group, the average cost of hospitalization for one day is about \$3,000 to \$5,000.

The insurance company doesn’t always cover medical expenses fully. Usually patients pay something out of pocket, whether it be a co-pay, co-insurance or a deductible. When a student graduates from college, many cannot afford the fees and premiums insurance companies throw at them.

With all the confusing health insurance jargon out there, students would be wise to explore their own health insurance status in order to be more informed about the ongoing health-care debate, not to mention be more aware of their medical options.

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environmentally-friendly products or a greater use of technology. Dr. Mark Vail cuts back on his paper use by putting his classes’ readings and other assignments on Georgia View. There is a strong push for “greener” products and operations such as adding more bike trails.

Student organizations have also suffered. Wesley, the Methodist ministry on campus recently lost \$20,000 in funding, leaving barely enough money to cover the new director’s salary.

Many are upset that budget cuts have been applied to education, believing that it should be the last thing to cut back on.

“People are only thinking about the costs and forgetting the investment and return. A college education leads to a stronger workforce and allows us to capitalize on

the growing information based industry,” Jordan said. “With a college education, students tend to become better citizens, they are more likely to vote and volunteer.”

She also praised Leland on how she handled the situation. “Thanks to Dr. Leland, we are in a better financial situation than other universities. She predicted these budget cuts several years ago and has managed the budget very well” Jordan said.

The university has implemented six state-mandated furlough days. Faculty and staff are prohibited from working on those days.

“Furlough days are temporary and not long-term solutions. Right now we have staff and faculty shortages and many positions are frozen. Our challenge is to think of bold and creative ways to operate our campus and educate our students without the people we would have otherwise hired. The loss of

pay from furloughs will hurt some employees and their families more than others. We need to pay attention to those in need and do what we can to help each other through these difficult times,” Jordan said.

GCSU could see as much as an 8 to 10 percent budget cut in the next few years, in the worst case scenario, officials said.

Faculty is also anticipating higher health-care costs which will add to the financial hardship.

On the upside, students, faculty and staff appear committed to working together to make it through this difficult economic situation. For instance, many students have become more conscious of how much they spend, according to GCSU Student Ambassador Patty Maguire said.

“Students seem to be more conscious of their money and spending habits at least,” Maguire said.

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year, we’ve had over 100. What I’m talking about is that these are parents of students that have lost their jobs, they are really hurting because of the economy, and in many instances, these students became eligible for grant money,” Crawley said.

In response to the high demand of financial support, escalating prices and knowledge of families in need, GCSU was able to secure discretionary money for financial aid through the form of 20 Sodexho meal waivers.

Ten of the waivers received by students included the equivalent of \$500 in books.

“We’ve never had anything like this before at Georgia College, so we were able to help some students who otherwise would not have been able to stay here,” Crawley said.

Another financial resource concerning students who do not qualify for the Pell Grant are Federal Student Loans.

Though essential that the student main-

tain a responsible level of loan debt, Financial Aid looks kindly upon loans as an investment the in future of a student.

Federal loans have also experienced

Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management Suzanne Pitman credits the increase in enrollment to the university’s public university status.

“Because Georgia Collge is a public university and costs less than private universties, more students applied knowing it would be a financially stable and obtainable choice.”

-Asst. VP for Enrollment Management, Suzanne Pitman

increases by 44.9 percent in number of recipients, and 33.9 percent in dollar volume.

As financial aid use rises, GCSU did not see a decline in enrollment for Fall 2009, in fact, there was a 2 percent increase.

“Because Georgia College is a public university and costs less than private universities, more students applied knowing it would be a financially stable and obtainable choice,” Pittman said.


The latest addition to financial aid is

the GI Bill which, like the HOPE Scholarship, is funding designated to tuition and fees. Though established for military personnel, these benefits can be passed to a descendant if desired, resulting in traditional freshman walking into the University System who qualify and must choose between the HOPE Scholarship and GI Bill.

If a student finds themselves without a scholarship or grant of some caliber, they may be eligible for Federal Work-Study, where on-campus jobs that work around the student’s class schedule are provided.

“I would definitely recommend the financial aid Federal Work-Study to freshman. It gives students an opportunity to work around campus, do work that is productive and beneficial for the future, and get to know faculty and staff on campus,” junior Madeline Balmes, a marketing major and FWS employee, said.

GCSU staff as a whole strives to raise awareness of resources so that students seeking financial well-being can be provided with the necessary aid to guarantee a rewarding educational experience while attending college.






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Housing

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here because it is still close enough to campus that I can socialize, but I have my own space and I’m saving a lot of money.”

The running rate for the typical student living on-campus in a regular suite style residence hall is \$2,284 per semester, which broken down is about \$507 per month. The Village runs about \$3,200 for six months at a rate of about \$533 per month. The Village offers more amenities than the residence halls including a full kitchen, whereas the residence halls have a closer proximity to campus. There is also the freedom from responsibilities of cleaning, utilities and maintenance of the dorms. Currently about half the students living in the dorms are freshman while the other half remains upperclassmen.

Houses and apartments off-campus tend to vary in prices due to landlords,

bill, and the number of roommates but generally run about \$300 to \$600 a month .The Bellamy ranges from \$510 to \$590 per person depending on the floor plan. Most off-campus apartments include full amenities. Along with the monthly rates of living off-campus students also have added responsibilities such as yard work, and taking care of any damages.

“I love living in my own house,” said Natalie Wright, junior nursing major. “ I love my roommates and the freedom of living off-campus, though sometimes I feel like a housewife with all the responsibilities.”

Due to the rather large influx of freshman to GCSU this year, Housing offered many students the opportunity to live in The Village for the same price as the dorms. For Will Saunders, it was a different experience.

“I don’t really see people in The Village as much as I did in the dorms.” Said Saunders, history and theatre major “ I don’t like it

quite as much socially, but I spend most of my time on Front Campus, I’m playing the same price as the dorms, and I have a kitchen!”

GCSU Housing argues that students living on-campus generally have a higher GPA as well as being better socially integrated, safer, and eating better. Yet many students are finding that it is cheaper to live off-campus, and with the economy still in a downward spiral students are exploring their other options.

“I stayed in the dorms for their convenience. It’s easy to walk to classes and great for social networking,” junior Meredith Carpenter said. “I’ve really gotten to get to know people in the dorms and it’s easier to get involved around campus.”

Living on-or off-campus is a matter of preference. Some prefer the residence halls, some prefer houses, and others prefer apartments. Whether for finances or social aspects, everyone can find their place in the GCSU community.

Recycling

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aren’t the only ones running into problems finding the proper place to dispose of their recyclables. West Campus residents have resorted to different recycling options.

“I just take (my recycling) when I head back home,” said sophomore West Campus resident, Britta Gervais.



MICHAEL FORSYTH/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Senior Daniel Hannah utilizes the free recycling provided around campus.

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careful with what they eat,” said Steven Derrick, the Sodexo area general manager.

The pre-portioned meals contain 50 percent fruits and vegetable, 25 percent grain and 25 percent protein. Proper nutrition is the first step for a student looking to maintain a healthy weight. But what about exercise?

Exercise is easy to incorporate, especially on a college campus. Walking instead of driving to class can make a huge difference. One round trip between Parkhurst and the Arts & Science building is over a mile.

“Every step counts,” said Amy Whatley, assistant director of wellness programs at The Depot.

The Depot is a full exercise facility for students, not to mention membership is already paid for by

student fees. It is equipped with free weights, cardiovascular and strength training equipment.

Exercise science majors offer personal training based on an application process.

“It makes you feel really good

**“Not only can excess drinking lead to health problems, but beer and alcohol are high in calories and can cause weight gain.”**

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about yourself when you see your client succeed because of the work you do together,” said exercise science graduate, Alycia Hayes.

Classes at the Centennial Center are another exercise resource.

Some of the most popular classes, among students, are abs and zumba.

“I love teaching zumba. It is a fast paced, Latin style aerobics class,” Hayes said.

However, the weight gain is not solely based on nutrition and exercise. Other factors contribute to the extra weight such as a high level of stress and consuming large amounts of alcohol.

“Not only can excess drinking lead to health problems,” according to Kid’s Health, “but beer and alcohol are high in calories and can cause weight gain.”

Although the stress of school and other activities is time consuming, it is important to make nutrition and exercise a priority.

“It’s all about being active. You can honestly eat whatever you want if you are active enough,” Dunn said.

It is time for students to take charge and change the weight gain trends one grilled cheese at a time.

OrgSync

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it was for everyone to register at our last meeting.”

Hill explained to the orchestra last week how to go about registering on OrgSync and how simple it is. All that registering really takes is logging into your myCATS account and clicking on the “Student” tab. Go to the “My Student Links” box and click on the “Campus Life” link. A new window will pop up on your screen and you will then see, in the first column, “Registered Student Organizations.” From that point on it is self-explanatory.

“OrgSync is an excellent investment,” Miles said. “My colleagues using other companies are paying well over \$10,000 and I’m paying around \$4,500.”

To be funded by GCSU every RSO member has to register. Only organizations registered with the Department of Campus Life will be considered for fundraising on campus. All fundraising requests must be submitted at least 10 business days prior to the day of the fundraiser.

Miles and Campus Life hope to see the new program benefit the school’s communication and interconnectedness, they said.

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## Our Voice

Eight years following the Sept. 11 attacks the student perspective of how this day should be remembered is split — even in our newsroom. At what point do the events of Sept. 11 become history and no longer front-page news stories? Should ceremonies continue each year to honor the victims, or is it the consensus to just quietly remember the day? These questions have created much debate in which The Colonnade thoroughly encourages everyone to participate and come to their own conclusion of how the day should be memorialized, if at all.

An estimated 2,819 people were killed in the attacks that day, according to New York Magazine. Many of these people had parents, children, family and friends who will never be able to forget them. The least we can do is remember them one day of the year. Not only were lives completely changed by the events, but the economy and procedures of our government were changed as well. If events such as Pearl Harbor are still getting coverage after so many years, Sept. 11 should be treated in the same way. Thousands of people were lost. If their families have to live it everyday and can't let it become history, why should anyone else?

On the other side of the spectrum are students in favor of not rehashing the events of Sept. 11 each year. It has been eight years since the incident and some people just want to move on. Is the media resurfacing the topic again every year and making it harder for people to continue with their lives? New information ceased years ago; we are just repeating ourselves by saying the same things again and again. Even though the country pulled together and had more unity after the attacks, Sept. 11 is still a low point in American history and that should not be celebrated.

Debate is happening across campus on how this day should be remembered and we want to hear your opinions.

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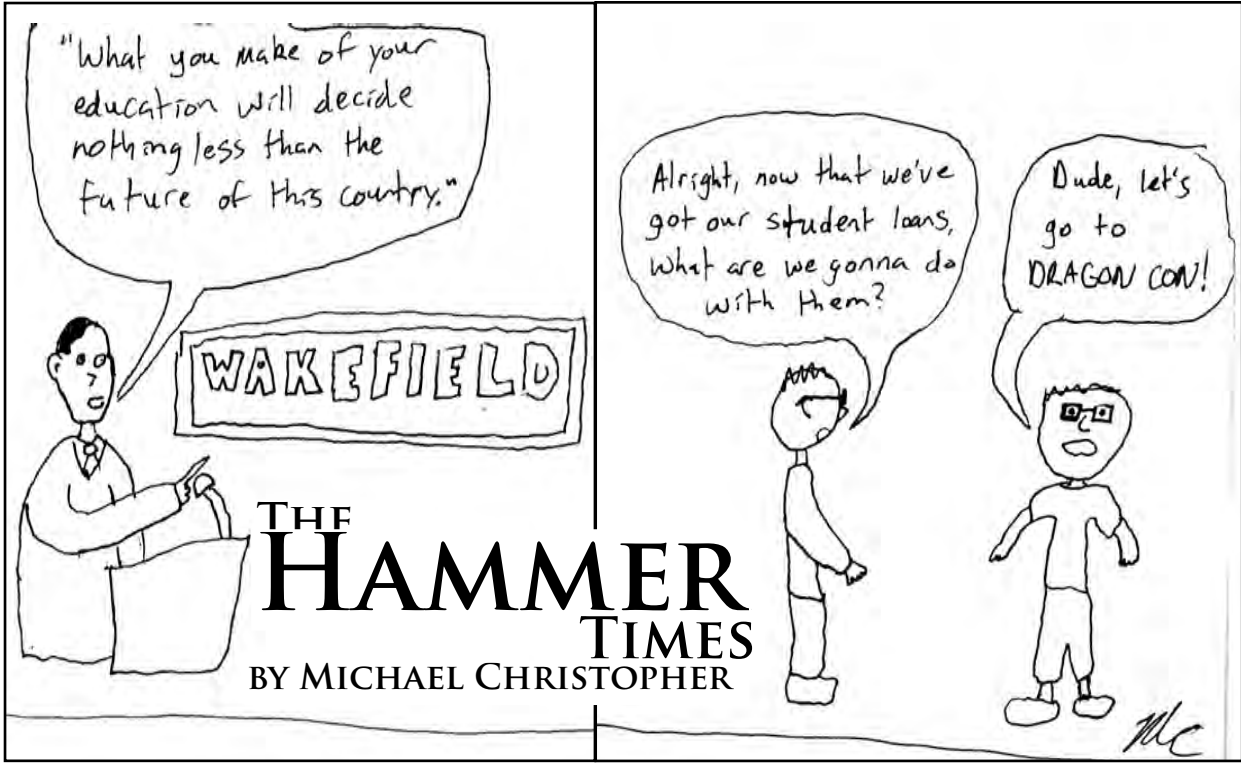
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## Satire column: Taxidermy for kids



BY STEVE HOLBERT  
COLUMNIST

I have seen hell. It is fluffy. Today's children are being ripped out of the cradle and raped by American culture to a point beyond Dr. Phil's help. Who's to blame for the premature molestation of minors? Build-A-Bear. Or as I call it "Rape-A-Bear."

It was my little cousin's sixth birthday and after a bombardment of subliminal messaging from the television, I decided a trip to Build-A-Bear would be not only a perfect present, but also a marvelous moment to make memories with little Mary.

So I carefully placed her into her car seat, turned the radio on a child-friendly station (a mix of inspirational Christian music and booty thumping hip-hop), and cussed at elderly drivers until we arrived at the mall.

One assumes the mall is a safe haven for children everywhere, but while making our way to Build-A-Bear I had to constantly shield Mary from Satan's

shopping cesspool. Hop Topic alone can cause never-ending nightmares for young children about dressing alike to express nonconformity, and Abercrombie & Fitch is porn! Pure porn! Strolling by, I encountered an enormous poster of a shirtless boy sliding his hand into the crotch of his overpriced jeans.

I eventually slung Mary over my shoulder and ran toward the secret sanctuary that is Build-A-Bear, and when I gazed upon the doors to childhood innocence I stood amazed. The bright pastel colors would have made excellent Easter clothing, and the workers in their perky uniforms possessed no child molesting signs — i.e. baggy clothes, excessive stubble, mustache, etc. ... Oversized children's toys adorned the walls along side pre-made bears to excite the youngsters. I'm pretty sure heaven looks something like this. And by "this" I mean "American."

"Mary-Mary, go ahead and pick your bear out!"

The first step to constructing a creature is finding a furry friend. There are only three problems. One, the majority of their choices are not bears, which I believe is some sadistic form of false advertising. Two, children can barely choose cereal, much less a mammal. And three, the animals are

crammed into the crates unstuffed. Picture a wall full of empty animal skins thrown into barrels. It's taxidermy. Taxidermy for children.

After a memorial service for the road kill, Mary selected a cat, and we made our way over to the stuffing machine, where the worker sat on a bright red stool (painted with the blood of unloved bears and heartbroken children). Her grin stretched from ear to ear — like the devil himself.

"Hello there. And what's your name?"

"Mary."

"That's a very pretty name, and you've picked a very pretty kitty. Would you like to help me stuff it?"

Mary said nothing. She just stood there with a frightened expression on her face because unlike half of the children who dawn the doors of this evil establishment, Mary knew something wicked was to come. The worker handed Mary a tiny heart to place into her bear.

"Mary, I need you to make a wish on this heart, and then we're gonna put your wish into your kitty."

Mary closed her eyes and didn't utter her wish out loud, but by the look on her face, I believe it was something along the lines of:

"I hope Jesus comes back soon and takes me away from this horrible

place." ... "I hope kitty's other vital organs are inside his body." ... or "I hope Obama enacts the Fair Tax."

Whatever her wish, the heart was placed into the bear, and the worker prepped the bear for stuffing.

The cotton — which looked frighteningly similar to cocaine — escaped the storage unit through this large, metal, heartless tube, which they inject into the bear through an opening. But where is this opening? In the back? No, that would make too much sense. In the mouth? No, that's too tempting for those undersexed teenage workers. The hole was — I kid you not — in the rear!

The poor kitten was anally raped in front of Mary's virgin eyes!

Not only did the worker shove its bare rear onto the pole, but then the worker proceeded to ask, "Do you want your kitty hard or soft?"

How dare she? Of course — being a comedian — I replied, "She wants it hard."

The worker shoved the poor creature in and out of the metal pole until she deemed a climax had been reached. Where is PETA when you need them? There was no offering of an after-loving cigarette or even an apology. She simply handed the bear to Mary, and said, "Why don't you go dress her."

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### England's health-care plan proves itself to professor

To the editor:

Having at one point in my life spent nearly a decade living in England, I have a first-hand contribution to make to the current health-care debate. The recipient of a foundation grant that covered my living expenses and tuition, I first traveled to London as a student. Consequently, I had little money and no official status that might have entitled me to the benefits of the English single-payer health-care system.

Nevertheless, when I became seriously ill with a disease that mimicked the symptoms of cancer, I had no difficulty finding a physician who, though baffled by my ailment, was generous with both his time and his fees, eventually making routine house calls and steering me in the direction of a specialist.

Ultimately, I was referred to Dr. Bernardo, the scion of a famous family of British physicians dating back to the Victorian era. When he suggested that I needed emergency treatment, I asked this illustrious physician what the bill would likely amount to. Blanching at his reply, I mumbled half jokingly that I would prefer to die — at which point he laughed, patted me on the shoulder reassuringly and added, "Don't

worry. We'll get you in under National Health." He did, and after some weeks on a regime of medication that would have cost a small fortune in this country (but which cost me the equivalent of about \$50) I checked out of Queen Mary, Roehampton to recuperate and marvel at my good fortune.

The point of this personal anecdote is to refute the preposterous allegations being leveled at town hall meetings in order to thwart President Barack Obama's attempt to secure modest but meaningful health care reform. Our present greed-now-grief-later system is an international disgrace. It threatens to bankrupt our economy, sending millions of our fellow citizens into a downward spiral of debt, anxiety and increased risk of serious illness. I know from personal experience that England's government-run health care system is effective, efficient and beneficial.

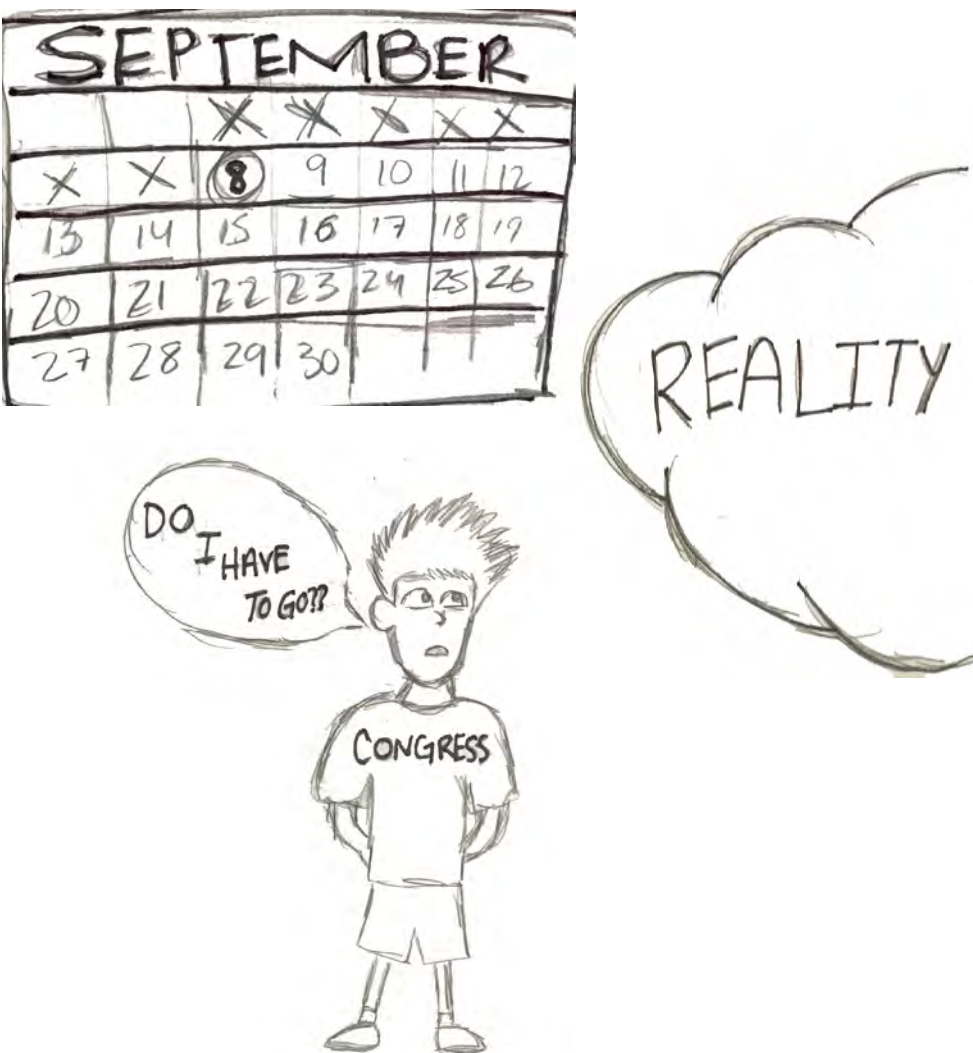
To those who contend that there is no constitutional warrant for such a system, my response is that they should read the document they claim to revere. In its very first paragraph it assigns to the federal government the essential tasks of 1. providing for the common defense, and 2. promoting the general welfare. The political

right, always eager pay for bombs, is outraged at the prospect of paying for pills, i.e., endorsing a government-run health-care program designed to promote a more perfect union, justice, domestic tranquility and the common welfare (to cite the precise language of the Constitution). I, for one, would be delighted to know that some of my tax dollars were contributing to the "general welfare" and not just contributing to the generals at the Pentagon. It is time America joined the rest of the international community in recognizing government-provided health care as a basic human right, not a usurpation of power.

The alleged socialist/fascist takeover so feared by the right is a perfect example of a psychological concept taught in my Gothic imagination course ("denial and projection"). It is the rabble-rousing paranoia of those shouting down reason and sporting assault weapons in the public square who subvert the Constitution. Their actions betray a thinly veiled attraction to authoritarian tactics of the sort once favored by both fascists and communists.

Dr. Greg Pepetone  
Music and IDST





## Independent Satire

by Ian Bridgeforth

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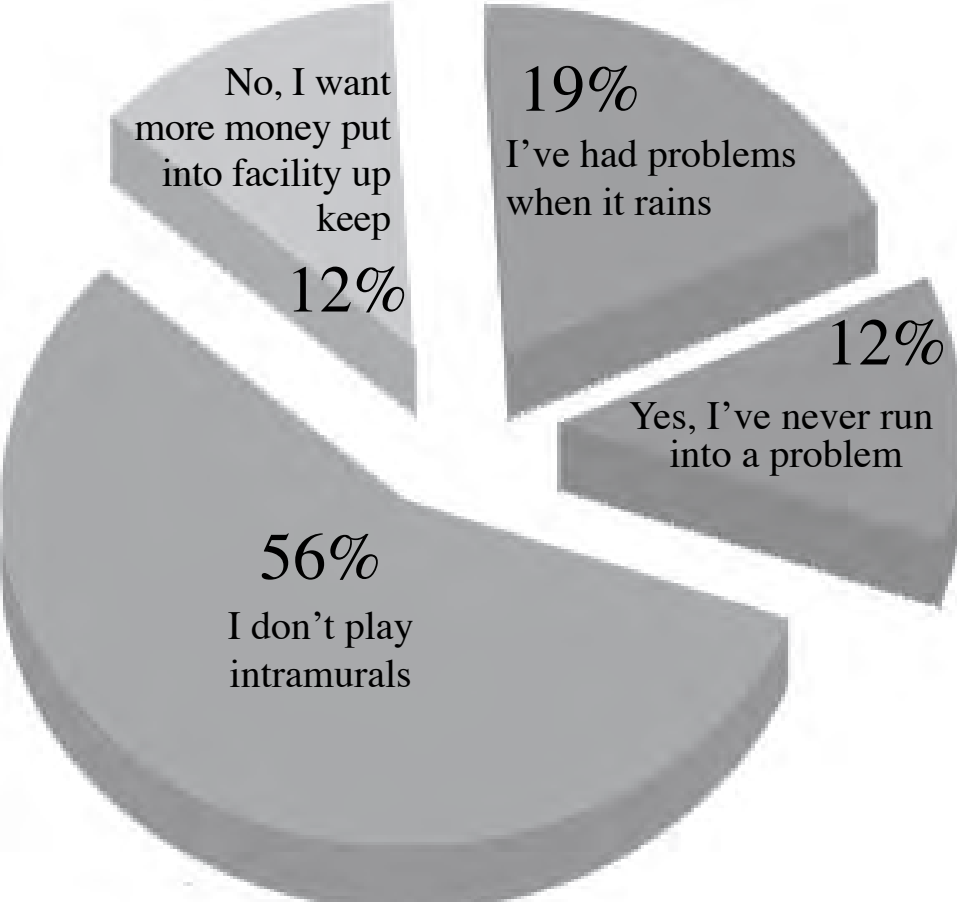
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POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE DYKES

Are you satisfied with the GCSU intramural facilities?



Response	Percentage
I don't play intramurals	56%
I've had problems when it rains	19%
No, I want more money put into facility up keep	12%
Yes, I've never run into a problem	12%

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# Bobcat Beat

“How do you feel about Milledgeville’s new policy requiring certain citizens to pay to recycle?”



“I don’t feel very good about that. I feel like it will extinguish the initiative to recycle, because we are in college, and we are poor.”

Mary Lynn Buchanan, sophomore, art major



“If our society today is trying to encourage recycling, then I think Baldwin County is going about it in the wrong way. Why should we pay money that is unnecessary to help the environment when we should be able to do it for free.”

Paige Herring, freshman, undecided



“I think that is ridiculous. Why should we have to pay to help the environment?”

Sloan Williams, sophomore, exercise science major



“It is going to restrict people who are already recycling by making it more inconvenient. There are already only certain days you can take it, and tacking on a fee increases the inconvenience. If it’s not convenient then people aren’t going to do it.”

Brett Compton, senior, middle grades and biology major



“I think they should be giving people incentive to recycle, as opposed to giving greater incentive not to recycle by charging a fee.”

Brit Andrews, sophomore, undecided

Reported by Mandy Ellis

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I HATE THAT I LEFT THIS TILL THE LAST MINUTE, BUT WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

I hate that my parents don't like you. I hate that when they ask you to eat out with us you say no and have no idea that the reason I wanted you to go was because maybe then you could have shown them the guy I see.

What happened to that guy I use to know? You know the one I met in the beginning of our relationship? Oh wait, even he was fake.

My girlfriend and I were going to watch a movie. We had to pick the movie out first. I pointed out two that looked good, but she picked one she liked better and put it on. The movie was not only horrible, but my girlfriend fell asleep in the first ten minutes. Why couldn't we have watched my movie?

I just found out that my girlfriend is pregnant and I don't know what to do. Should I tell her I have an STD, or should I just break up with her and seem like one of those dads that just leave their kids?

I hate how my bras never fit my boobs it's like I'll get one that fits right before Christmas and the week after my f\*\*\*ing boobs have grown too big for the stupid bra. What's with that???

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## Farmers market cultivates more than just fresh produce



RUSSELL HUFFMAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Two boys visit a table filled with homegrown produce last Tuesday. The Milledgeville Farmers Market is held from 4-7 p.m. every Tuesday through October.



JOANNA SULLIVAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Locally harvested honey is a popular item at the farmers market on West Hancock Street.



RUSSELL HUFFMAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The selection is not limited to just produce. Tabitha Fry sells homemade baked goods such as pies, bread and cinnamon rolls.



JOANNA SULLIVAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
A vendor sells tomatoes, peppers and other goods at the farmers market last Tuesday. Visitors have found the farmers market to be a great source of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Watch a slideshow of the farmers market at [GCSUnade.com](http://GCSUnade.com).

BY SARAH GIARRATANA  
STAFF REPORTER

Farmers and vendors of Milledgeville cultivate more than produce when they sell their wares at the Milledgeville Farmers Market. They cultivate healthy eating habits, friendships, smiles and a powerful sense of community. Sellers also provide an alternative to typical grocery stores with healthier produce and budget-friendly buying.

Members of the Milledgeville community, students and residents alike flock to the market, which is held every Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. on West Hancock Street between the Golden Pantry and Duckworth Farm Supply barn. Many students find it easy to walk to the market, which is a mere two blocks from Front Campus.

The Milledgeville Main-Street/Downtown Development Authority opened the

market in May as an effort to continue to grow business in the downtown area. The market delves deep into the American tradition of small-town markets, allowing buyers to taste unprocessed food from soil tilled only a few miles from their own homes.

"I think that shopping at the farmers market is a wonderful idea," nurse practitioner Lara Crowe said. "You get local, fresher vegetables than what you get at the grocery stores, with no pesticides and they tend to be more organic."

Crowe mentioned that research indicates that buying organic neither helps nor hurts the consumer, and suggested that people should eat farmers market produce more because it helps the local community and the environment.

"I think organic is really a 'black-hole' word. It's dubbed a lot of things that may or may not be true,"

Crowe said. "I think that definition is blurrier at the grocery store than it is at the farmers market."

Sellers at the market also value being environmentally friendly. Warren Moore, a salesman from Quality Produce, plans to give away free cloth bags instead of plastic sacks in the coming weeks.

"The quality of produce is just better," Moore said about the market. "We hope to grow and keep really busy."

Moore offers baskets of tomatoes for \$4, large cucumbers three for \$2, cantaloupes for \$1.50 and bushels of other produce.

"It's really a good value," sophomore Elaine Denovellis said. "It gives (students) an opportunity to go cheap, so they don't have an excuse to eat unhealthy."

Though college students often reach for sugary snacks, Crowe sees many of her students opting to eat healthy. Milledgeville's mar-

ket provides a simple way to do that on a college student's budget.

The produce offered at the market acts as an open invitation for students to meet community members, buy healthy snacks and taste the true Milledgeville, sweet and fresh off the vine.

The Milledgeville market also offers more than just produce. Vendors sell farm fresh eggs, candied apples, funnel cakes, boiled peanuts, flowers and an assortment of homemade soaps.

"Our soaps are better than soaps sold at the store," said Ginny Hansel, who sells soaps at the market with her husband Tom. "All of our 10 soap bases are for super-sensitive skin as well for people with normal skin."

Hansel, who also works in the GCSU housing office, feels passionate about selling locally and said she sells a lot of soaps, especially her almond complexion bar and

wax potpourri dispensers, which are student-housing safe because they run on a light bulb.

"Lots of students come every week," Hansel said. "I think they enjoy helping the local economy."

Professors from GCSU also enjoy the farmers market, especially Dr. Elaine Whitaker, head of the Department of English & Rhetoric.

"I want fresh produce and really enjoy talking to people around here," Whitaker said while shopping for tomatoes. "It's a great cultural thing. You meet a lot of people and learn a lot of things."

Whitaker recommends the homemade pesto and fresh English muffins sold at the market.

Every shopper has a favorite product or food, but all are made fresh locally.

"I enjoy the peaches," Denovellis said. "I can't wait to visit again and help out the local economy."

## Jazz Band seeks new vocalist to showcase musical talents

BY SCOTTY THOMPSON  
STAFF WRITER

The search for the next big band singer on campus is on. For the first time in four years, the GCSU Jazz Band is holding auditions for a lead vocalist. The auditions will be held Sept. 18 and are open to all students.

Dr. Todd Shiver, director and interim music department chair, said the band is seeking someone who will be ready to stand out and have a commanding presence.

"Some singers are just used to singing with a rhythm section like piano, drums and guitar. This is a different kind of beast," Shiver said. "We're looking for someone to really belt out a song and shine. It's not really for the timid."

According to Shiver, 20 students have signed up to audition so far and that number is expected to increase. At the audi-

tions, each singer will prepare a piece for the judges. After their audition, two or three finalists will be selected. Those finalists will be given two pieces and have a week to learn them before they sing with the band. After that, the members of the band will make the final decision on a lead vocalist.

Among those members is saxophonist Kyle Christmas, a senior business major.

"I'm not picky. As long as the person can sing with the band well, it doesn't matter," Christmas said.

Shiver said the judges will be looking for the right style among other factors in

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the auditions.

"We'll be listening to phrasing and pitch and looking for some personality," he said. "Some singers are classically trained or 'rock 'n' roll' trained, and it's not quite the right style. So we want someone who can handle the jazz and big band style in the tradition of Frank Sinatra, Diana Krall, Bette Midler and Michael Buble. If they know those names, they're already ahead of the game."

Joining Shiver in the initial judging will be Dr. Bob Wilson, professor of history and Jazz Band MC. As MC, he introduces the band at events

and prepares notes on different selections that the band plays.

"We're looking for someone who is going to be comfortable in and familiar with the jazz and swing idiom. It's a very different singing style. You have to be able to sing and work with the big band," Wilson said. "In a big jazz band, the singer can really define what you do. And it takes a lot of composure and poise to stand up there in front of a powerful band. There is some improvisation involved, and you've got to be able to land the notes."

Wilson added that winning over the audience and the rest of the band is critical for the vocalist.

"You don't have to necessarily jump all over the stage. It can be very intimate. But you have to be able to connect with the audience and be responsive to the rest of the band," Wilson said.



# 'My name is Lisa, and I'm addicted to Farmville'

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# All dressed up and no place to go ... but class

BY DANIELLE PALUGA  
STAFF WRITER

There are days when most of us want to roll out of bed and go to class in whatever we have on. However, there are a dedicated few who take the time to piece together a perfect outfit no matter what. Several of these fashionistas have been spotted wearing the latest trends such as pegged boyfriend jeans and colored denim, which Glamour.com lists as two major trends for this season.

Another major trend that these same students have been spotted sporting is the “lumberjack” plaid shirt. One of these is sophomore and theater major Carson Butterworth. She is a self-proclaimed lover of bright colors, but she doesn’t purposely follow trends.

“I buy what I like and what’s fun,” Butterworth said.

Junior art major Emmalyne Braswell has a philosophy about those days when you just don’t want to get out of bed.

“When I feel bad I want to dress cute so I’ll feel better,” Braswell said.

Her style could easily be described as cheap and chic. She favors the Salvation Army stores in her hometown near Savannah, and Charlotte Russe over more expensive stores, a popular trend among college students on a budget.

“Agyness Deyn is my fashion inspiration,” Braswell said.

Deyn is a British fashion model whose off-the-runway style is punk with a girly edge. Braswell captures this with her perfectly applied eye makeup. The makeup serves to give her outfit a little edge.

Braswell recently chose to wear rain boots even when it did not rain. It was a small fashion risk that made her stand out in the crowded A&S building.

At the shuttle stop sophomore Jess McClure, a theater major, was spotted



DANIELLE PALUGA / STAFF WRITER  
Sophomore theater major Carson Butterworth shows her love for bright colors through her sunny yellow lumberjack shirt.

wearing what she describes as being a “Sarah Jessica Parker” inspired dress. Parker is the actress from “Sex and the City” with a most unique style. Instyle.com calls her style “effervescent and energetic” and she is known for taking huge risks on the red carpet.

“I love clothes with a retro indie feel,” McClure said.

She, like so many other college fashionistas, favors thrift stores over any other type of shop. Her retro sunglasses came from Little Five Points.

According to these fashion lovers, dressing up can serve to put you in a better mood. So next time you have a morning class spend a few extra minutes to dress up and maybe you will be able to stay awake during that 8 a.m. class.

# Anime club gets reanimated with new leadership

BY COURTNEY MURRAH  
STAFF WRITER

New Anime-bu Nibunnoichi club president Croix Snapp, a junior chemistry and physics major, is glad the club is returning to its former glory after declining in members.

“The club used to be quite large before I came and then it kind of started to peter out and become smaller, but after our advertising at the Bobcat Marketplace, we got 33 names and we’ve had two consecutive meetings with more than 30 people,” Snapp said. “It is just the beginning of the year, but it’s been consistent. It’s the largest showing that we’ve had since I’ve been at the school.”

The public relations officer of the club, Sara Veamoi, a junior biology and psychology major, was surprised at how quickly the numbers increased from an average of eight people at meetings in the past year.

Dr. Jason Stover, faculty adviser of the club and associate professor of mathematics, said he thinks the high number of seniors in previous years contributed to last year’s declining membership.

“Before last year, there had been a healthy Anime Club with a lot of members. Most of those members, I think, graduated and drifted away and were not replaced until more recently,” Stover said.

The club has been a Registered Student Organization since the fall of 2006 when it was founded by then sophomore Scott Howard, now a senior mass communication and theater major.

“We would basically watch new anime. That would be the point. And we would have days where we would go back and vote on things to watch, and things that we would like,” Howard said. “There’d be a few games that I would try to make and do. I’m a theater major once again, as well, so I would like to do kind of improv games using anime and different things, whatever people like. I tried to please the people there.”

Howard also wrote the constitution

that is still in effect for the club.

Snapp has new goals that he would like to add to the constitution. The club will be taking a democratic approach to any changes made with the entire club able to decide any final alterations.

“I wanted to bring up ideas about volunteer work, social justice,” Snapp said. “I know that our club is not oriented in that way, but still as a participating member of an RSO I would love to do that.”

Another possible addition to the club is a more in-depth look into Japanese culture. Past presidents had expressed an interest in having more Japanese themed parties and dinners, which Snapp would like to see become a reality this year.

“It can make our club about more than watching cartoons, which I’ll admit is something I love to do,” Snapp said.

One activity that will not change this year is watching anime during the meetings. The selection process for choosing which anime to watch, however, will now depend more on the vote of the club members than in previous years.

“We choose from a list within the library. We try to pick three different genres and at the end of the meeting we show the trailers from those shows and the club gets to vote on what they wish to see the next week,” Snapp said.

The library of anime used is owned by the club.

“A lot of people bought anime and decided they don’t want to watch it again and they’ll donate it to us,” Veamoi said.

The club’s meetings are Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in room 102 of Chappell Hall. Students must pay a \$10 fee to join, but a new policy is being considered to have members be able to earn the fee back if they can raise the same amount for the club through fundraising.

With advertising for the club in full swing and more exciting activities planned for the future, the club hopes its numbers will not be dwindling again anytime soon.



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Junior art major Emmalyne Braswell sports leopard print rain boots on a sunny day last week.



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Sophomore theater major Jess McClure wears a casual little black dress with red sunglasses, a look inspired by actress Sarah Jessica Parker.

## Jazz Band

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Perhaps the biggest challenge for the next lead vocalist will be replacing Laura Dees, who resided in the spotlight for the band the last four years. Wilson, who has spent more than a decade as MC, compared the singing style of Dees to that of all-time great big band singer Peggy Lee.

“I’ve been the MC for the band the last 14 or 15 years, and we’ve never had someone be the lead vocalist for four years other than Laura. It’s very rare,” he said. “(Dees) was unique. She’s been the mainstay, and she fit the bill of a big band singer really well in the way she sings with her style. We’ve had some really good singers over the years, and Laura was one of the best.”

Shiver added his own praise for the departed starlet.

“Whoever it is that gets the role will have big shoes to fill because Laura did such a good job for us,” he said.

Shiver is entering his 20th year as Jazz Band director, and for the first time he has opened up the auditions to all students across campus in hopes that an unknown star may be lurking.

“We usually advertise in-house, but we’re doing it outside the department for the first time this year. The inspiration behind that is there may be someone out there not involved with the music department that we don’t know about. We’ve had some (students) before that have come in and knocked me off my feet,” Shiver said. “They don’t have to be a music major or minor. We just want a good singer. We’re wide open at this point. It can be male or female.”

Shiver is also quick to point out that the next lead vocalist will be in the spotlight quite a bit with the well-distinguished Jazz Band.

“They’re going to have some big opportunities. If they’re young enough, they’ll be able to be on our next CD we record, and they may be able to go to Europe with us when we go again because we try to go every four years, and that is coming up soon,” Shiver said. “So whoever it winds up being is going to have fun, and they will be in a good position.”

Wilson believes whoever becomes the next lead vocalist will feel gratified.

“There aren’t many things that are more rewarding or exciting than singing in front of a big band,” he said. “The thrill of singing is a powerful experience.”

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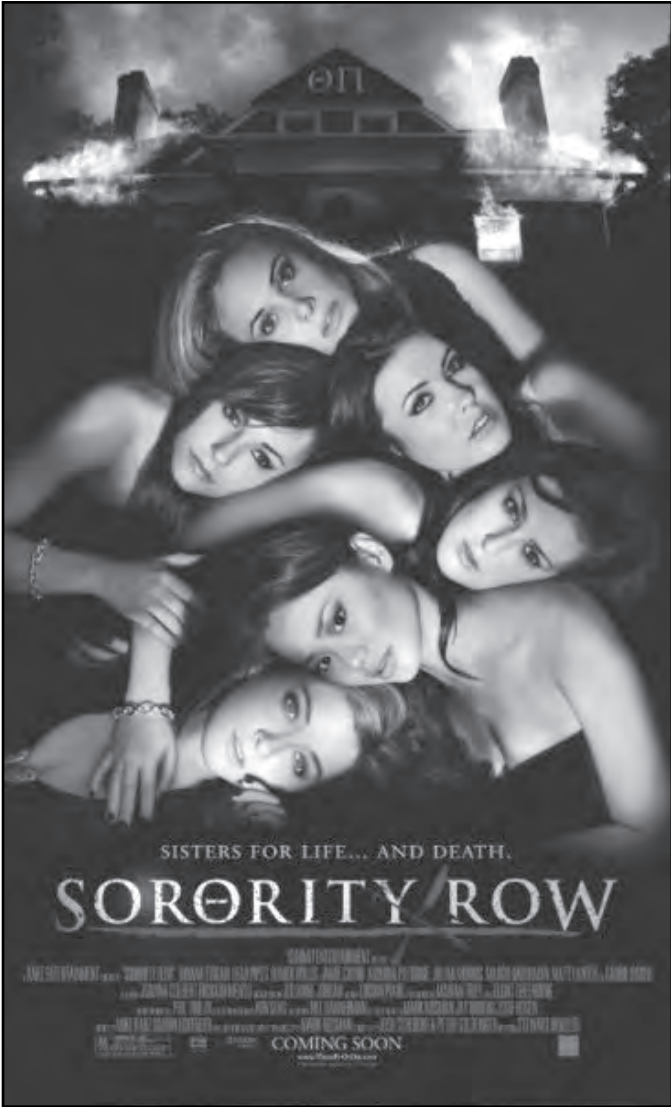
BY CHRIS MOSKALY  
REVIEWER

“Sorority Row” is just like any other teenage slasher movie you’ve ever seen. From a broad perspective, one could easily plot out every single note just by watching the trailer. We already know that most of the characters are college-aged sorority girls who party like there’s no tomorrow, and are completely oblivious to any danger whatsoever. So it’s practically a given to suggest that most of them will be dead by the end of the movie. And considering the fact that modern-day horror films come with a very thin line between gore and nudity, it’s fair to assume that the R-rating will be pleasantly enjoyed on more than one level. However, despite several ideal qualities, “Sorority Row” brings a different tone to its structure where it already knows that it can’t hide all the clichés, and instead of trying to outmaneuver them, it actually uses them as a settlement point.

There was a cult movie made in 1983 called “The House on Sorority Row.” In that film, a bunch of “sisters” wanted to have a party, but weren’t allowed to because of the house mother. So while playing a prank on her for revenge, the mother was accidentally killed. You can guess the rest, but aside from the usual “remake” taunts, a lot has changed in 26 years, and the addition of Carrie Fisher as the new house mother is only the beginning.

Now in 2009, the focus of the prank is set on one of the sisters’ unfaithful boyfriends. Her name is Megan (Audrina Patridge), and the idea is to make him believe that she is dead, when all the others are in on it. They play it out all the way to a deserted area where they will eventually unveil the truth, but unfortunately they are too convincing as the boyfriend uses a tire wrench to try and cut up the “dead” body. Now Megan’s really dead, and everyone is guilty. So what do they do? They dispose of her body (along with the wrench) in a well, and vow to never speak of it again.

Eight months go by, graduation day has arrived, and all that’s left is to throw one last party at



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## GRADE: B-

the sorority house before they start their promising careers (I guess they needed a good reason to keep the murder secret). That proves to be easier said than done when a mysterious killer begins stalking them, and with the same tool used in Megan’s death, proceeds to kill them off one by one as the night goes on. Did Megan survive? Or does somebody else know their secret?

Through a well-paced series of bloody executions including a foggy shower room stick up, and a deadly beer chug, director Stewart Hendler constructs “Sorority Row” into a surprisingly decent package of screams and shrieks that benefits a great deal from being nothing more than what anyone expects it to be.

Among its common standards is the wide variety of characters who each fit a certain college stereotype. There’s a carefree party animal, a nerd with glasses that were probably stolen from Velma Dinkley, and of course the one member who brings a rare sense of conscience to the ordeal. Most viewers find this unlikely arrangement irritating, but

I was a big fan of “The Faculty” (Robert Rodriguez, 1998) when it mixed the “Body Snatchers” plot into a “Breakfast Club” ensemble, and “Sorority Row” brought back some of those old memories for me. And maybe it’s just because of the all-female cast, but I was also a huge supporter of “The Descent,” and this movie clearly knows how to use the terror effect wisely on the right people, while all the “tough-guy” boyfriends become second rate necessities.

Every time I see a slasher-remake on the horizon, I always go in with one major question: will it, or will it not convince me that the revision was necessary? In most cases the answer is no, but unlike other recent installments, “Sorority Row” takes just the idea of its original source and reshapes it enough to where it can stand on its own ground without looking like a senseless pile of junk. For some people, that may not quite be enough to buy a ticket, but only once in a lifetime will you ever see Princess Leia chasing down a masked killer with a shotgun. ... “Come to Momma!”

# Spotlight



By: Stephanie Sorensen

## Campus Outreach gets back to its roots

Campus Outreach, a Christian ministry on campus focused on building labors for God, has a new focus this year. Grass Roots is a meeting that gathers every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Covenant Presbyterian Church to delve deeper into the Bible.



Functioning much like a Grass Roots political campaign, the meeting acts as a foundation to teach and disciple students with intentions to go into the community and spread the Christian message.

Specifically, Campus Outreach has a goal of reaching out to students that are looking to build a relationship with Christ. The organization is interdenominational and is open to anyone wanting to investigate their beliefs.

“We want to be part of what God is doing in the world.” Drew Epting, Campus Outreach director said. “We want to be authentic in our message, and open our minds to anyone who is interested.”

Last year’s Campus Outreach program acted more as a production than as a devotional. This year, Campus Outreach strives through Grass Roots to be genuine in their message and through the lasting relationships built along the way.

“Grass Roots’ goal is to portray to GCSU what real Christianity is,” Jessica Sethman, Campus Outreach student leader, said. “It takes a life-on-life approach. We’re different from the organizations. It isn’t showy, or in your face. We get together to get into the word.”

Grass Roots explores the Bible in a way that relates to modern-day life and focuses on teaching students to build a strong relationship with Christ. Focusing on personal relationships with peers, Campus Outreach is a platform for learning that offers the opportunity for people to grow and explore their faith with guidance from Grass Roots students and staff.

“ I go to Grass Roots because I want to be part of a movement on campus,” Joe Hoyt, Campus Outreach student leader, said. “ Really it’s about inviting people to take ownership of the ministry.”



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## Hot stuff, cool 'Cats

Student volunteer firefighters such as senior Joey Evancho are faced with not only the challenge of fighting fires, but also with balancing the workload of a college student.



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## Student firefighters fight fires, save lives in the community

BY CHELSEA THOMAS  
SENIOR REPORTER

Suited in their gear and ready to wrestle the flames, they are like every other nationally-trained firefighter, prepared to sacrifice themselves to protect their community. Yet, beneath their helmets and suits, these firemen are also GCSU students.

At the local Baldwin County Fire and Rescue Station there are a handful of GCSU students who are trained volunteer firefighters. Whether during classes or in the middle of the night, they are fire-

fighters equipped and willing to respond to a call.

Matt Cook, a senior athletic training major, has been a certified fireman since February 2007.

"Firefighting was always something I wanted to do," Cook said. "My dad was a firefighter in Atlanta and just retired after working for 26 years."

Kevin Sheehan, a senior business management major and firefighter since 2007, also has a family tradition of firefighting.

"My dad and my grandfather were both firemen and that kind

of steered me into it," Sheehan said.

To become a certified fireman all rookies must endure a 160-hour training course, from learning how to roll up the hose to how to vent a roof under extreme pressure. They meet twice a week for five hours each, taking over 16 weeks to complete. When finished earning their certification, they only need to fill out paper work to become a full-time fireman.

"The training requires a lot of physical exertion," Cook said. "The heat and weight of

firefighting can require a lot of strength."

Shortly after receiving his certification in early March, Evan Karanovich, a sophomore management major, got a call that night to a fully involved structure fire across from Baldwin High School.

"This was my first — outside of training — live fire," Karanovich said. "I hadn't even received my gear yet, but I responded and began to catch the hydrant to attach to the engine. I knew from that point on exactly what I was getting into. It would

be a lot of work, but all for a worthy cause."

An unpredictable and tedious job, these volunteers only get reimbursed \$10 per call. Yet, many of them admit that there is no other job as fulfilling.

Nate Bressler, a sophomore business management major, reminisced about an experience he had last week with another firefighter.

"The other day I was the first to respond to a call about a barn on fire," Bressler said. "After

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From left, freshman Enkhtur Gansukh, freshman Jérôme Leborgne, sophomore Scott Zhang, sophomore Willibroad Maimo, and freshman Kei Yamaguchi enjoy the front porch of Sanford Hall. Many international students that live on campus live in Sanford Hall.

## International students adjust to new life in US

BY KELSEY BRENNAN  
STAFF WRITER

Visiting a foreign country where the language is different and the culture is unfamiliar presents unexpected challenges. Yet the international students at GCSU go beyond visiting, choosing to pack their bags and leave their lives thousands of miles away to come to the United States and immerse themselves in a different culture.

Their hope in doing so is often to further enrich their lives.

One of the main goals of international students is often to experience American culture first hand.

"I came just to be socially aware," Christopher Chenga, a senior accounting major from Zimbabwe, said. "The education is good, but I also came for a social experience."

Yacoub Alou, an English literature senior from Niger, had a similar goal in coming to the U.S.

"I want to know what makes America, America. What makes the people (who they are)," Alou said.

But as anyone who has visited a foreign country knows, there are obstacles to overcome and some aspects of a new culture that take some getting used to.

For some international students, there is the process of getting used to speaking English most of the time. Getting used to the different accents and American slang can also prove to be difficult.

According to some students, one of the biggest changes to get used to is a lack of public transportation. Libby Davis is the international student adviser on campus. One of her roles is to help international students adjust to life in the U.S.

"International students often take mass

transit for granted," Davis said. "It makes it difficult for them to feel independent."

There is also the difference in cuisine, which can take practiced acculturation.

"I was shocked when I saw fast food and that everything here is so big," said Anita Pristyak, an English literature/black studies senior from Hungary.

The differences in culture also go significantly beyond food. Alou was shocked to learn that his classmates own guns.

"(In Niger), only the military own guns. Students admit to having guns here," Alou said.

For many of these students, they notice a distinct difference between the people they left back home and the American students.

"People are a bit more reserved," Chenga said. "You just kind of keep to yourself here."

This aspect of our culture can translate into coldness on the part of Americans for some international students. Other international students' perception is quite the opposite.

Likai "Scott" Zhang, a sophomore computer science major from China, finds the demeanor of Americans to be to his liking.

"People here are more warmhearted, more laid back, relaxed," Zhang said. "I really like the Southern hospitality."

The international students also have the advantage of a varied viewpoint from the American students, having grown up outside of our culture, which can help fuel and round out class discussions.

Ryan Walker, a sophomore environmental science major, appreciates the presence of international students on campus.

"They help show students here that people from different parts of the world have a different perspective," Walker said.

## Students, professors spill their pet peeves

BY ANDREA LOWERY  
STAFF WRITER

While taking core classes, students have an opportunity to choose which professors to take, but professors never get a choice.

"The kids I appreciate are the ones who are very alert in class. They answer questions," Associate Professor of Economics Ben Scafidi said. "Back row kids, on the other hand, are sleeping back there, on their phones doing Internet gambling, and just hopping for a D."

Some of the same pet peeves annoy students and professors alike.

Students and professors both share some disdain toward miscommunication and disorganization. No teacher wants the responsibility of managing

an unstapled, seven-page paper, and all students stress out when an unexpected assignment appears in their inbox the day before it is due.

"As far as teaching goes, my professors do a good job," senior Chantal Robertson said. "But it would make it easier for the students and the staff if communication on class times and homework assignments were better established."

Knowing when class starts and when to leave the house is a different story.

"When class is going on and students come in late, instead of coming in the door and making a B-line for the nearest seat, they find the need to walk in front of me to their preferred seat," Scafidi said.

Leaving class early disrupts professors as well.

"I do not like when students leave class before it is over without a warning or without having told me first," Professor of Modern Foreign Languages Tony Alcarria said.

Every now and then, the role reverses. Students study for a test and want feedback, but the professor does not return their papers.

"Last semester, I had a teacher that didn't give anything back and that bothered me," junior Callie Gay, a middle grades education major, said. "I like to know my grades and where I stand in the class."

GCSU students and professors generally praise each other. Often, they realize the good usually outweighs the bad and, when it does not, the bad prepares them for the worst.



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# Students connect, share experiences in Pride Alliance

BY CLAIRE KERSEY  
SENIOR REPORTER

Pride has many faces at GCSU. The MSU Lounge filled with people from all walks of life, some with bright colors streaked through their hair, another sporting a T-shirt saying “Same Socks Marriage” and others who wore simple polo shirts and jeans.

The Pride Alliance provides a safe haven of acceptance for all students, whether they identify themselves as gay, straight or otherwise. best known for an annual drag show in the spring, the Alliance also plans events that promote awareness and tolerance on campus.

“This semester we’re going to try to work toward another ‘Guess the Straight Person’ panel,” Jonathan Vernon, Pride Alliance president, said. “We’re also going to try to do more awareness and activism ... trying to dispelling myths and stereotypes about the GLBT community.”

More than 30 people showed up for a Sept. 1 meeting, compared to smaller groups in the past. There are plans to send a group to Pride Weekend in Atlanta this year, as well as plans to volunteer with the Pride Parade held there.

“I’ve always been involved with gay activism, so I came to one of the meetings, and I’ve been here ever since,” Sara Rincon, a sophomore art major, said.

The group meets every Tuesday, and everyone is welcome to attend. Pride Alliance has created an accepting, close-knit community that members enjoy.

“It’s like a support group. If you need ... people to let your thoughts out at, you can throw it out there and people are there to help you. Everyone is pretty much friends

with everyone,” Vernon said. Other members enjoy the activities that Pride Alliance provides on campus.

“The people here are always really friendly, and we’ve had a lot of good events and projects,” Rincon said.

The group has given some members an opportunity to express themselves. Criminal justice major A.J. Joiner first began performing as a drag king at the GCSU drag show two years ago and is now performing at other venues.

Recently, the senior competed in Raw Talent, a drag competition in Atlanta.

“I showed not knowing anybody, and I outperformed people who come out every week,” Joiner said.

The drag show also motivated psychology major Amber Weeks to get involved. The junior directed the drag show last year, and has performed

in the past. “I got started with the drag show my freshman year, and got heavily involved (with Pride Alliance) sophomore year,” Weeks said.

Overall, these students recalled few instances of being ostracized at GCSU, and have found the school to be a generally accepting place.

“It’s a damn sight better than high school,” Weeks said.

The presence of a Pride Alliance was a motivating factor for choosing GCSU in some cases.

“The main decision for me applying here was because they had a Pride Alliance,” Vernon said.

Pride Alliance is the face of the GLBT community at GCSU, and the group plans to make students aware of the issues that they face on a daily basis.

## Firefighters

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locating the barn and parking the car, we are walking up the driveway to access the situation when we see a little girl just standing there. She said, ‘Hi Mr. Fireman.’ This was the first time someone in the community recognized me as a fireman. Later, as I found myself running in all my bunker gear, getting to make entry with my air pack on, and putting the fire out, it was the first time I felt like I was really doing something worthwhile.”

Yet, these firefighters are full-time students too. They take classes just like regular students do. Juggling these two duties can be very difficult. Cook said most of his professors recognize his situation.

“Most of my teachers are understanding when I have to go, which is usually when it’s a structure fire that requires more volunteers,” Cook said. “It’s frustrating because you want to go to all your calls, but class comes first.”

Cook has had many instances of firefighting that have left an impression on him. One last year was his best experience yet, he said.

“I responded to a fire at a larger, older house. There was fire coming out of two sides. Six feet inside the door, I couldn’t see anything. Thermal balance felt like it was 1,200 degrees,” Cook said. “I used thermal imaging to see the fire source and after 15 minutes we



CHELSEA THOMAS / SENIOR REPORTER  
Sophomore business management major Nate Bressler, left, and senior athletic training major Matt Cook stand proudly in front of a fire engine awaiting their next call.

had it knocked out. After that I was exhausted but satisfied.”

However, being a fireman can also be a sad, difficult job. It isn’t all house or barn fires, many involve accidents. Before they had specific medical response calls, some volunteer firemen arrived at scenes that had injured or non-responsive victims who they were unable to help.

“You will always have something that sticks with you,” Bressler said. “It’s not what does, it’s when. Everyone sees something you won’t forget. I’m lucky because I haven’t yet. But when I do, we have people to talk to about it.”

For many of these student volunteer firefighters their station is like home to them. By working side-by-side in these situations these men are very close.

“In a way, the fire station is like a fraternity, we get so close and pick on one another all the time,” Cook said.

Overall, being a student volunteer firefighter is no easy task or light-hearted service. But like other firefighters, the students are prepared to aid their community.

“It never becomes natural running into a house in flames, especially when everyone else would generally run out,” Karanovich said. “But there is no other greater reward than being able to provide such an important role.”



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A firefighter’s helmet hangs ready for action at Baldwin County Fire and Rescue Station.

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## Golf at No. 1, wins Kiawah

### Bobcats distance themselves from field, start 2009 in style

BY SAM HUNT  
STAFF REPORTER

The top-ranked Bobcat golf team opened up its season with a victory in the Kiawah Island Invitational that took place Monday and Tuesday. The tournament was held at the Cougar Point Golf Course, a 6,875-yard course with 72 as the par score.

With GCSU shooting a second-round team score of 280, their closest competitor was the University of South Carolina at Beaufort, who finished the tournament trailing the Bobcats

by seven strokes.

Of the five Bobcats in the lineup, four finished in the top 10. Leading GCSU was senior Francisco Bide, who finished his round three strokes under par with a score of 69 and a total score of 141. The score earned Bide a spot in the playoffs for the low medalist, which in the end was taken by Seth Fair of the University of Indianapolis. Bide finished in second place overall.

Coming in at third place, junior Billy Shida shot 71 both days, which totaled up a score of 142, two under par. Nipping at his fellow

Bobcat's heels, junior Joe Young finished fifth overall in the tournament with a score of 143, under par by one stroke.

Three-time All-American senior Niclas Johansson finished the Invitational tied for ninth place with a score of 145. Finishing the tournament with a placement of 33 and scores of 76 and 74, junior Matthew Yonz earned a tournament score of 150.

The Bobcats look to continue their hold on the top spot on Monday and Tuesday, when they compete in the Raines Intercollegiate hosted by Francis Marion University.

## THE SIDE LINE



BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

With one punch, one awful decision made in the heat of the moment, Oregon's football season was trashed last Thursday night in Boise, Idaho.

Boise State physically dominated the Ducks, allowing zero first downs in the entire first half and winning 19-8. But it is what went down after the final whistle blew that will be remembered long after most football fans forget the final score.

By now you've probably seen the video replay. Several dozen times.

LeGarrette Blount, the Ducks' Heisman hopeful running back, after getting shoved by a Boise State player who wanted to get one last bit of trash talking in, delivered a quick jab to the Bronco's jaw, sending him crumpling to the turf.

What happened next turned Blount from a hot-head, who simply reacted poorly, into a thug, a lowlife, a punk. As Boise State coaches and players simply tried to separate him from the crowd, he backpedaled, obviously not wanting to get sucker punched in the same way. Seriously weak stuff for a stud running back trying to prove a point.

As coaches and teammates attempted to get him off the field and away from the chaos, he decided to resist, to shove and hit his own guys, trying to get to some fans who were screaming at him. This is where he stepped into legendary sports flip-out territory; only a select few athletes have lowered themselves to fisticuffs with patrons.

Blount was quickly dealt with, suspended the following morning for the remainder of the season. His absence will be felt on the field, and Oregon would probably win two or three fewer games because of it, but it is the lasting impact of what happened on the blue turf in Boise has doomed this season.

For a team coming into 2009 with high hopes, this is the worst case scenario. In new head coach Chip Kelly's first game, in their toughest road test of the season, to not only get dominated on the field, but to have their star player be the one to lose grip on reality, will send this team tumbling downhill.

In a strange way, "the punch" makes Oregon the team to watch in 2009. If they rally around Kelly and a core group of veteran players, they may limp to a .500 season.

It's amazing what a little testosterone mixed with misdirected anger can do.

## Bobcat Shootout tough on hosts



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Catawba goalkeeper Chelsea Binder prepares to deflect a header by GCSU senior midfielder Daria Owen (2) during Friday night's game.

BY SAM HUNT  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU soccer team was shut out twice this weekend at home for the Bobcat Shootout Tournament. These two defeats at home now give the Bobcats a record of 2-2 for the season.

GCSU's first loss came Friday night against Catawba College with a score of 1-0. The only goal of the game came 16 minutes into the first half. Catawba's forward Meritt Rollins lofted a very high ball over GCSU junior goalkeeper Jessica Binkowski which bounced off the far post into the net.

"We definitely didn't play to our best potential," Binkowski said. "The team at this point needs to work on settling down when we first get out there and not be so chaotic."

For the remainder of the game, both teams continued to play well. Binkowski made three saves during the game and stopped Catawba from scoring again. Although the Bobcats played very aggressively on offense and defense, they were unable to score any goals, giving Catawba the 1-0 vic-

tory over the Bobcats.

"We had a lack of communication and a lack of possession," senior defender Morgan Cobb said.

The Bobcats' second loss came Sunday against Florida Tech as the Panthers shut out GCSU 3-0.

The Panthers were quick to take the lead over the Bobcats as Florida Tech's Kelly Whitaker put the score at 1-0 just 3:34 into the first half. The Panthers struck again 20 minutes later as Alyssa Esposito earned Florida Tech a two-goal cushion to end the first half.

"They are very compact and move the ball very well," sophomore defender Tawny Moffat said. "They knew where their next pass was going to go."

At the start of the second half, the Bobcats' play improved. They completed more crosses in the second half and created many more scoring opportunities. Even so, the Bobcats were unable to stop Whitaker of the Panthers from striking for a second time as a shot found its way into the Bobcats'

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Sophomore defender Tawny Moffat looks upfield for a teammate against Florida Tech on Sunday.

## West Campus fields get off-season face lift

BY CALEB RULE  
STAFF WRITER

GCSU athletics are always competitive, with teams at the top of the rankings, NCAA tournament appearances, and a Commissioner's Cup earned this past year for being the best program in the Peach Belt Conference.

Now, three Bobcat sports experiences are even better for both fans and players, thanks to the recently-completed renovations at the soccer, baseball and softball fields.

"We want to give all of our athletes the best experience and facilities possible,"

sports information director Al Weston said. "The Centennial Center is one of the best in the country, but we want to give all of our athletes the best facilities possible."

Soccer fans can now take advantage of the 192 covered seats on the hillside at Bobcat Field, providing a welcome reprieve from sitting on the hill under the sun. Each seat has a chair back, giving

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AUSTIN CABOT / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Softball fans will now be sitting in individual seats on a grandstand at the Peeler Complex.



## THE SHORT STOP



### Upcoming Sports

#### Soccer:

Sept. 11 8:30 p.m. Lincoln Memorial  
Sept. 13 3:30 p.m. Carson-Newman

#### Tennis (men):

Sept. 11-13 all day GCSU Men's Fall Championships

### Quote of the Week

"I couldn't have envisioned anything worse than this right here."

— Oregon Ducks running back LeGarrette Blount, regarding the now-infamous punch he landed on a Boise State player who shoved him after BSU's 19-8 win last Thursday night. Blount was suspended for the rest of the season (ESPN.com).

### Stat of the Week

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University of Mississippi football players who missed Wednesday's practice due to flu-like symptoms.



# Back in the water

BY ALEX TAYLOR  
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU Swim Cats, the club swim team, is hard at work preparing for the upcoming season.

Junior Andrea Sisson is excited to be a leader for the team.

“Swim Cats is a great way to meet people, stay in shape and just have fun,” Sisson said. We have team hangouts like going bowling, having potluck dinners and playing games to get to know each other better. It’s not just about the swimming.”

Currently, the team holds practice at the outdoor pool behind the Centennial Center. In October, however, the team will switch to the indoor pool at Central State Hospital due to weather changes.

Since Swim Cats is a club team, the environment is more relaxed than with an NCAA team. Team meetings are every Monday at 9 p.m. and practices are Mondays through Thursdays at 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. Every noon Friday practice is either a “fun day,” when the team plays games and practices relays, or a stroke clinic.

The stroke clinic is a new addition to the schedule this year for swimmers who need help with technique. Since there are no official coaches, it is up to the swimmers to ask for help.

President Taylor Hayes, a junior athletic training major, is starting his third year of swimming for the club team.

“Since I have taken over as president for the Swim Cats, I have really enjoyed seeing new freshmen and older students who are all really enthusiastic about just swimming and having a good time,” Hayes said. “Seeing that makes running the swim team so worth it.”

Generally, the Swim Cats participate in four meets per semester. Three are usually meets in Georgia and one is a traveling meet. This year the team is heading back to the Elon University meet, where 25 teams swam last year and the Bobcats fared well.

Last year, the Swim Cats had a very encouraging season. At the Bobcat



ALEX TAYLOR / STAFF WRITER  
Senior Alex Pate gets some laps in at the Centennial Center pool last week.

Invitational meet, they placed third out of seven teams, finishing higher than the University of Georgia’s club team. At the meet hosted by Georgia Tech, where 40 teams competed, the Swim Cats performed well again, sending four swimmers to the finals.

“I honestly can’t wait to see how we fare this year against the other teams with all the new recruits we got and all of our dedicated returning swimmers,” Hayes said.

The club is ordering new Endurance Plus suits, which don’t deteriorate as fast as normal suits. The Swim Cats also have custom “Bobcats” swim caps and T-shirts they can buy for \$25.

Swimmers’ dues pay for meet fees, pool time, equipment, hotels, gas and other travel expenses. Other sources of funding for the team over the past years include bake sales, the change game and lap-a-thons.

The change game is simple; swimmers carry buckets to class to collect spare change from students around campus. The lap-a-thon is a fundraiser where swimmers ask people to sponsor them for a certain amount of money per lap. The more money the team can raise, the better opportunities for more swimmers to compete.

Dues are \$50 for the year and \$30 for the semester, and are accepted until Sept. 14. The Bobcat Invitational will be the first meet, held Sept. 26.

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fans a new level of comfort while watching the game.

“Now, we probably have the best field in the Peach Belt Conference,” soccer head coach Juan Pablo Favero said. “We hope the seats make fans comfortable, so they can make things uncomfortable for our opponents.”

“We all benefit from new seating. The fans have a better experience, and if more fans come out, then we have better fan support.”

Softball fans will notice a similar upgrade at the Peeler Complex. New, permanent grandstand-style bleachers have been installed, and they boast seating for 186 people. There are also handicapped access ramps on both sets of stands.

“Recruiting is an arms race,” Weston said. “When we take a recruit to West Campus, it looks a bit better out there with the new stands.”

The stands have chair-back seating identical to Bobcat Field.

The largest renovation project of the three may be felt more than seen by baseball players. This summer, the infield at John Kurtz Field was torn up and leveled off, giving the dirt a much smoother look and feel that should reduce the number of awkward hops on ground balls defenders dealt with in the past.

“To my knowledge, (John Kurtz Field) has never been leveled,” Weston said. “It used to be that playing here meant dealing with bad hops as part of the playing experience.”

“Now, if we bring in a shortstop to look

at Georgia College, they think, ‘Hey, I’d get to play on a brand-new surface’ and the field will play much better.”

Perhaps the best news is that the money to pay for all of the renovations was already within the athletic department, meaning no additional costs to students or the university.

“The athletic department pools whatever is left over at the end of each year, and most of that money is used for scholarships,” Assistant Athletic Director Jesse Wilson said. “However, we’ll use it for facility upgrades if we need to get those at a level they should be.”

Wilson said the money needed for this year’s upgrades came from years of pooling money, and each section of the athletic department strives to be frugal with its budget.

The planning for new seating had been in the works since early spring, when the athletic department went before a committee comprised of at least 50 percent students and presented the plans for the new seating and field work. All fee-based organizations go before the committee to gain approval, which must also receive the go-ahead

from GCSU president Dorothy Leland and the state Board of Regents.

“Last year, we built a cross-county course,” Weston said, “and for the first time ever, we hosted two meets. We have a list of things to upgrade, and this year it was time to emphasize soccer, baseball, and softball.”

It appears the stands at Bobcat Field have already made an impression.

“The new seats create a different atmosphere,” junior Aaron Nobles said after the finale of the Bobcat Shootout last Sunday. “The field looks more professional, and it gives the impression that the fan is coming to watch a top-caliber team.”

## Food, friends, football

For an inside look at Oxfords, downtown Milledgeville’s new sports bar, head to [www.GCSUNade.com](http://www.GCSUNade.com)

ANDREA ROBINSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Sophomore Lizzy Brooks and GCSU alumnus Nick Banks enjoy upscale bar cuisine and watch one of 16 HDTVs at Oxfords.



## Soccer

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net in the final minute of the game, giving the Panthers a 3-0 lead.

“If anything, I think Friday’s game kind of helped us,” sophomore forward Megan McAlpin said. “We realized that we need to be mentally relaxed and we have to learn how to shake things off.”

Even though the Bobcats improved their game in the second half they were unable to score as the Panthers took the 3-0 shutout victory over the Bobcats.

“We knew this schedule was hard and we did that on purpose,” said head coach Juan Pablo Favero. “This is not a panic button time, this is time to work.”

The Bobcats are home again this weekend in the First Little Feet Invitational as they face Lincoln Memorial University on Friday at 8:30 p.m. and Carson Newman College on Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

“We defended the way we teach to defend, but it’s gotta be that way for 90 minutes,” Favero said. “Against these kind of opponents, it’s not good enough to do it for 45 minutes, it’s not good enough to do it for 80, it’s not good enough to do it for 89 minutes, we gotta do it for 90.”

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## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### LOST IPOD

On Sept. 1 at approximately 8:14 p.m. a student reported that he left his iPod in the lobby of the Arts & Sciences building near the auditorium. When he returned, the iPod was missing. The case has been turned over to the Criminal Investigation Division.



### D.U.I.

On Sept. 2 at approximately 1:27 a.m. officer Wesley Ransom observed a vehicle on Clarke Street with only one functioning headlight. A traffic stop was initiated and contact made with the driver. While speaking with her, Ransom observed that her eyes were bloodshot and glassy, and she had the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her, a Public Safety report stated. According to the report, the driver refused a breathalyzer, was arrested and transported to the Milledgeville Police Department and charged with DUI.

### PASSED OUT

On Sept. 4 at approximately 1:33 a.m. officer Wesley Ransom observed a female unconscious on the lower-level parking deck on McIntosh Street. Emergency personnel responded to the scene and evaluated the woman. After it was determined that she was 18 years of age, she was arrested and transported to Milledgeville P.D. and charged with underage possession of alcohol.

### CAR VANDALISM

On Sept. 2 at approximately 1:46 p.m. a student reported that she had discovered that someone vomited inside her vehicle, on the steering wheel, dash, driver's side door and windshield. She reported she found a hat inside the vehicle that did not belong to her. The case is under investigation.

### TOKING UP

On Sept. 5 at approximately 9:24 p.m. a student reported smelling the odor of marijuana coming from a room in Bell Hall. Officer J. Miller made contact with the occupant, who admitted to smoking marijuana through a vaporizer. He showed the officers where the marijuana was, and a search of the room found a grinder with marijuana residue in it. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, Sept. 11 - Thursday, Sept. 17

### Friday, September 11

10:00 a.m.	Internship Workshop- 232 Lanier Hall
12:00 p.m.	September 11 Memorial on Front Campus
6:15 p.m.	Carson-Newman vs. Lynn, Women's Soccer on West Campus
8:30 p.m.	Bobcats vs. Lincoln Memorial, Women's Soccer on West Campus

### Monday, September 14

10:00 a.m.	Interviews with Reynold's Plantation at 232 Lanier Hall
7:30 p.m.	Guest Artist Piano Recital: Umstead, Tenor, and de Vries at Max Noah

### Tuesday, September 15

All day	Hispanic Heritage Month Begins
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### Wednesday, September 16

12:30 p.m.	Internship fair workshop at 232 Lanier Hall
12:30 p.m.	Careers in Focus Series - Management Information Systems
12:30 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.	Times Talk at Beeson Hall lower level

### Thursday, September 17

3:00 p.m.	Career Center on WGUR Raio 88.9 FM
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